

Notification of School Closing Due to Weather or Unforeseen Events

As winter approaches, we are reminded that Ohio's weather can be unpredictable—ranging from unseasonably warm days to sudden snowstorms. The decision to close schools due to weather is never taken lightly and is always made with the safety of our students, staff, and families in mind.

Each morning, around **4:00 AM**, I begin assessing road conditions and monitoring weather reports. During this time, I also consult with local safety officials and neighboring districts before making a final decision between **5:15 and 5:45 AM**. Communication to families and staff will begin around **6:00 AM**.

If a **cancellation or delay** is necessary, we will notify families through the **district website**, **local media**, and our **all-call system**. If you have not received all-call or text alert messages this fall, please contact your child's building office to ensure your contact information is up to date.

In cases where road conditions are unsafe but expected to improve, we may issue a **two-hour delay**. This allows additional time for road clearing or power restoration. However, delays will only be used in limited circumstances. If conditions do not improve, school will be closed for the day. It's important to note, we have not traditionally utilized a two hour delay, and we would only do so in the event we become close on the amount of required hours. We will notify families in advance if we enter into a possible scenario where we would look to implement a two hour delay.

Below are the **adjusted start times** in the event of a two-hour delay:

- **Nolley Elementary School:** 10:25 AM
- **Manchester Middle School:** 9:40 AM
- **Manchester High School:** 9:45 AM
- **Portage Lakes Career Center:** 9:47 AM

We encourage all families to have a plan in place for delays or cancellations, especially on days when students are already at school. Ultimately, the decision to send your child to school during inclement weather rests with you, and we fully respect your judgment.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at **(330) 882-6926**.

Thank you for your continued support — **Go Panthers!**

